# San Antonio 4th of July Regional Tuesday Bulletin



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and welcome to Day 2 of the 2023 San Antonio Regional. In our tradition, we'll start the day by singing the first stanza of **The Star-Spangled Banner**.

#### **Today's Schedule**

**10am** → Bertie Broer Morning Side Pairs

- ⇒ Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)
- → Jim & Tena Gorman Open Pairs (1/2)
- → Darlene Riely Bracketed Swiss (1/2)

**3pm** → Steve Simpson Afternoon Side Pairs Gold Rush Pairs (2/2)

Jim & Tena Gorman Open Pairs (2/2) Darlene Riely Bracketed Swiss (2/2)



This is a fragrance-free tournament.

ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy is strictly enforced.

Your understanding is appreciated.

### "The Star-Spangled Banner"

Complete, showing spelling and punctuation from Francis Scott Key's manuscript in the Maryland Historical Society collection.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected now shines in the stream, 'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footstep's pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

#### **Speakers**



# Learning to Tango: The Partnership

Tuesday 2:15pm (La Joya Ballroom)

**Carolyn & Terry Riely** of San Antonio, our Tuesday speakers, are the only partnership listed twice in Fiesta Bridge Club's Hall of Fame (highest club game percentages going back over 10 years). Carolyn has 7,187 MP ranking 11th in Unit 172, and Terry is one of the ACBL Top 500 bridge players with 14,908 MP).

Wed

The ABCs of Defense

Hank Eng

Thu

**End Plays: Strip & Throw In** 

Ed Rawlinson

Fri

**What Would Declarer Do?** 

Thomas Rush

Sat

**Overcalls** 

Ken Monzingo

## **Wednesday - Friday Schedule**

**10am** → Morning Side Pairs

- ⇒ Gold Rush Pairs (1/2)
- → Open Pairs (1/2)
- ⇒ Bracketed Swiss (1/2)

**3pm** → Afternoon Side Pairs Gold Rush Pairs (2/2) Open Pairs (2/2) Bracketed Swiss (2/2)



Jim & Tena Gorman Open Pairs (Tuesday)

Salt of the earth! When you met Jim you'd think you were his best friend. Both of their parents were of modest means. Jim's mom was an elementary school teacher and his name sake was a roustabout, roughneck in the Wichita Falls area in the 1920's. Tena's dad was a traveling salesman from Oklahoma City. He had a chance to sink his life savings into a floundering coffee company. He kept the company name "Cain's". Jim and Tena met at Oklahoma University. Tena had been attending one of the 7 sister schools, but her dad sent her a wire at the end of her sophomore year - "I'm not allowing you to stay up there and marry one of the GD YANKEES. Enrolled in OU, she met Jim, set her sights on him with only one likely outcome. They were married, Jim entered the Air Force and was stationed in Korea after which they moved to San Antonio. He worked in the oil business, became a stockbroker, and tried his hand at banking over the years. They were married for 68 years and passed away within 10 months of each other at 90 years of age. Jim and Tena played party bridge at home and at the San Antonio Country Club. In their 70's and in good health (even with Jim's triple bypass) they decided to try duplicate bridge. Jim's favorite bridge tale: "the players at the bridge club are the NICEST people, but they SURE WANT TO KICK YOUR BUTT." I met Jim in 1973 right after he had been chosen King Antonio. Tena was on several boards, a driving force in philanthropy and a GREAT FRIEND Still, 2 years after losing them, I find myself going down 281 and saying: "I really need to stop at 200 Patterson and check in on them." They are sorely missed. [David Mitchell1



## **Bertie Broer**Morning Side Pairs (Tuesday)

FOR MY FATHER, MY MENTOR, MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Bertie Broer was born in South Africa in 1923. After volunteering to serve with the Allies in World War II, he returned to Johannesburg where he studied to become a Chartered Accountant and Auditor (CPA) and worked in the family practice which his father and late uncle had started many years prior.

I do not know exactly when Bertie started playing bridge, but I recall very vividly when I was still in elementary school that every Monday night, two medical students that Bertie was mentoring would come for dinner prior to the weekly Monday night duplicate game, resulting in me knowing all the bridge terminology at a very young age. Monday night tournaments were like a league with Sections A to L and then four color sections, more than 300 players. Each section of the approximately 16 sections would have 12 pairs (6 tables) and they would play a Howell movement. Each pair would be allocated points based on where they finished and ultimately players who did well in their section would move to the next higher section and the players who didn't do so well would move to a lower section... and the following week they would be back! Bertie was always in the A section. On other Monday nights, there would be Team of Four matches, which would consist of a whole match against another team consisting of about 28 boards. The victory points for each match would be recorded and carried forward for the next week. At the end of cycle, there would be a winner and a runner up in each section.

Friday and Saturday afternoons were reserved for the Rubber Bridge Club. Bertie said they he really learned to play bridge by playing for more money than he could afford! He also claimed that a huge part of his success at the bridge table was reading every bridge book that he could lay his hands on. I learned to play bridge after marrying a bridge player! Even though I was a complete novice, Bertie would give me a hand and ask me how I would bid it. He was never condescending and taught me so many different aspects of the game. I loved to watch him play no-trump contracts. He would switch from suit to suit and often had his opponents (and me) completely baffled. However, he would often make that extra trick or two!

Bertie represented South Africa in the World Olympiad in Deauville, France in 1968; Miami Beach, USA in 1972; Valkenburg, Netherlands in 1976; and the Bermuda Bowl in Tunisia in 1997. He also represented South Africa in a number of Maccabi Games in Israel.

Bertie loved life and everyone loved Bertie for his wisdom, friendliness and infectious laugh. He told me never to wish away the time. He said that the best place to be was where he was at that particular time. Bertie always said when it was his time he wanted to "die at the bridge table in 4 Diamonds doubled, redoubled and making!" However, that was not to be and he passed away from heart complications in 2002. [Laurie Levin]



**Darlene Riely**Bracketed Swiss (Tuesday)

Bridge savant, great friend, excellent player. DARLENE passed away during her 68th year. Too early! She was a friend to ALL. On our unit board, helping to run tournaments and build our membership. She had approximately 8,000 points. She has truly been missed these almost 14 years. [David Mitchell]



**Steve Simpson**Afternoon Side Pairs (Tuesday)

Steve has been a huge support in the operations of Fiesta Bridge Club. Steve is our Webmaster as well as Unit 172's. He created TournaVision, which players loved when it was in operation during the Sectionals and Regionals. Steve stepped up as manager of Fiesta Bridge Club when Judy Hoffman retired many years ago. During COVID, he was a huge backup for Susan Ohm in Fiesta's virtual games and co-directed with Sue, as well as dealing with all the BBO problems we experienced. When Sue took ill and then subsequently passed away, Steve was there to run the virtual games and is still running them today. When Diane Olson became ill, Steve took over as director of the 299er game. All the players love Steve's wonderful sense of humor. When someone does not have a partner, Steve is always willing to play and never makes his partner feel bad, even when they forget to draw the last trump. Steve also runs the Wednesday night 499er game and gives a mini lecture before the game. I am not sure that Fiesta could survive without Steve. Thanks for everything and more, Steve. [Laurie & Larry Levin]

Jeff McKee Greg Resz Monday Onen Pairs (A)

Karen Fillis George Fillis Monday Onen Pairs (X) Charlie Chen Andrew Chen Monday Open Pairs (Y)

Robert Caldwell III Bill Kalmbach Monday Gold Rush (A) Rebecca Evans Jana Barnard Monday Gold Rush (B/C)

James Breihan
Patty Hinze
Ira Hessel
Ellen Hessel
Monday Swiss (B1)

Elisabeth Kay Hazel Medellin Catherine McGaffic Karen Jennings Monday Swiss (B2)

	MONDAY OPEN PAIRS							
mps	Color	А	Х	Υ	Overall Score	Player 1	Player 2	
20.13	Gold	1			585.62	Jeff McKee Livingston, TX	Greg Resz Weatherford, TX	
15.10	Gold	2	1		560.73	Karen Fillis Shavano Park, TX	George Fillis Shavano Park, TX	
11.32	Gold	3	2	1	553.73	Charlie Chen  Austin, TX	Andrew Chen  Austin, TX	
8.49	Gold	4			537.12	Alfred Fortier III  Katy, TX	Susan Kaplan  Angleton, TX	
6.71	Gold	5	3		535.62	Forrest Gray  Van Vleck, TX	Susan Young Sapphire, NC	
5.75	Gold	6			535.08	Rosemary Kelley San Antonio, TX	Sheryleen Grothus  San Antonio, TX	
3.40	Gold		4		503.54	James Lutz Fort Worth, TX	Brian King Kihei, HI	
2.68	Gold		5		483.92	Heather Williams  Amarillo, TX	Nancy Ramsey  Amarillo, TX	
2.27	Gold			2	435.96	Ann Kuehler New Braunfels, TX	Cindy Cummins Seguin, TX	

	MONDAY SWISS (BRACKET 1)									
mps	Color	Α	VPs <b>▼</b>	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4			
18.93	Gold	1	93.00	James Breihan Houston, TX	Patty Hinze San Antonio, TX	Ira Hessel San Antonio, TX	Ellen Hessel San Antonio, TX			
12.43	Gold	2/3	70.00	Gary Anziani San Antonio, TX	Charles Jefferson San Antonio, TX	Donna Swarthout Newberry, MI	Dave Swarthout Newberry, MI			
12.43	Gold	2/3	70.00	Harry Ingham San Marcos, TX	Grant Coon II San Marcos, TX	Charlie Robert  Baton Rouge, LA	Sally Gerhold Baton Rouge, LA			

MONDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS							
mps	Color	7	5	2	Overall Score	Player 1	Player 2
3.90	Gold	1			290.55	Robert Caldwell III  Austin, TX	Bill Kalmbach  Austin, TX
2.93	Gold	2	1	1	264.29	Rebecca Evans San Antonio, TX	Jana Barnard San Antonio, TX
2.19	Gold	3	2		260.01	AJ James Spring, TX	Paul Fafoutakis Universal City, TX
1.65	Gold	4	3		256.15	Gloria Harkey San Antonio, TX	Yao-Hui Hsiau San Antonio, TX
1.56	Red 0.26 Gold 1.30	5	4	2	255.85	Rosa Lobo Morales San Pedro Gg, NL	Jenny Campbell San Antonio, TX
0.77	Red		5		240.18	Beverly Flannery San Antonio, TX	Elizabeth Bartek San Antonio, TX
1.29	Red			3	228.14	Gary Britt Longview, TX	Jo Britt Longview, TX

MONDAY SWISS (BRACKET 2)								
mps	Color	А	VPs 🗸	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	
8.67	Gold	1	92.00	Elisabeth Kay Spring Branch, TX	Hazel Medellin New Braunfels, TX	Catherine McGaffic New Braunfels, TX	Karen Jennings Lafayette, LA	
6.50	Gold	2	84.00	Sarah Springer Katy, TX	Patti Monroe Georgetown, TX	Gwendolyn Atchison  Georgetown, TX	Michael Atchison Georgetown, TX	
4.88	Gold	3	65.00	Jeannie Stone Houston, TX	Ronnie Martin Friendswood, TX	Richard Gordon  Denton, TX	Darlyn Dusek League City, TX	
3.66	Gold	4	61.00	James McCool Holland, IN	Nancy Wilson Owensboro, KY	Debra Jones Odessa, TX	Shirley Davenport Odessa, TX	